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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY
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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTTEL, WHICH NOT RECEIVED MAPUTO UNTIL TODAY.

2. MOZAMBICAN REACTION TO FRENCH LED EFFORT TO ESTABLISH AN INTER AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR SHABA IS LIKELY TO BE STRONGLY NEGATIVE. ALL ELEMENTS IN PICTURE AS IT IS EMERGING WILL TEND REINFORCE MACHEL'S IDEOLOGICAL SUSPICIONS OF WEST.

- IMPETUS FOR CREATION OF THE FORCE COMES FROM FRANCE, WHICH IS THE MOST SUSPECT OF THE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS.
- FORCE IS BEING SENT TO BOLSTER MOBUTU, WHOME MACHEL INTENSELY DISLIKES.
- LARGEST AFRICAN CONTINGENT WILL PROBABLY COME FROM MOROCCO, WHICH IS SEEN AS A REACTIONARY GOVERNMENT WHOSE FORCES ARE ENGAGED IN WAR IN WESTERN SAHARA AGAINST POLISARIO, A LIBERATION MOVEMENT THAT MOZAMBIQUE ACTIVELY AND OPENLY SUPPORTS AND
- DESPATCH OF "MODERATE" FORCES WILL BE SEEN AS DANGEROUS PRECEDENT WHICH COULD BE REPEATED ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA WHEN WESTERN INVESTMENTS ARE ENDANGERED.

3. IN ADDITION, MACHEL PROBABLY FEARS THAT WITH SHABA'S SECURITY NO LONGER A CAUSE FOR MAJOR CONCERN. MOBUTU WILL BE FREE TO CONTINUE HIS COVERT SUPPORT FOR FNLA AND UNITA AGAINST MACHEL'S ALLY AND FRIEND

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4. THE ARGUMENT THAT THE ANGOLANS AND CUBANS WERE INVOLVED IN SOME WAY IN SHABA INVASION AND CONTINUE TO POSE A THREAT TO MOBUTU DOES NOT COUNT FOR MUCH WITH MACHEL. HE IS NOT WORRIED BY CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA OR SOVIET MILITARY BACKING FOR ANGOLA. ON CONTRARY HE SEES CUBAN AND SOVIET SUPPORT FOR NETO AS A GOOD THING. AND FOR THE TIME BEING ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN NETONIN POWER.

5. NYERERE'S REACTION TO REPORTS OF INTER AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE (REPORTED DAR ES SALAAM'S 2339 NOTAL) IS PROBABLY A GOOD GUIDE TO MACHEL'S REACTION THE TWO LEADERS ARE IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION AND NYERERE NO DOUBT HAS CONVEYED HIS VIEWS ON PEACE KEEPING FORCE AND PARIS MEETING TO MACHEL. NOW THAT MACHEL IS BACK FROM HIS TRIP TO NORTH KOREA, MONGOLIA. CHINA AND HUNGARY (HE RETURNED YESTERDAY) I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HESWERE TO CALL ME IN TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER PARIS MEETING AND WESTERF REACTION TO SHABA DEVELOPMENTS.

6. MOZAMBIQUE PRESS REPORTING ON THE PARIS MEETING
HAS BEEN DECIDEDLY NEGATIVE. STORIES DRAW HEAVILY ON
COMMUNIST NEWS SOURCES.
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